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1. TITLE II FOOD SHIPMENTS REPRESENT HUMANITARIAN EFFORT
ON PART OF USG TO HELP GOG COPE WITH CRITICAL FOOD DEFICIT.
OUR APPROVAL OF CURRENT TITLE II SHIPMENTS WAS BASED PRESI-
DENT TOURE'S URGENT APPEAL TO GUINEA'S QUOTE FEW FRIENDS
UNQUOTE TO HELP OFFSET DEVASTATING EFFORTS OF THE
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CONTINUING DROUGHT (SEE REFTEL D). OVERRIDING CONCERN ON

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OUR PART WAS TO INSURE SUFFICIENT FOOD ON-HAND TO FEED
MOST DESTITUTE GUINEANS. WHILE IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT
SOME OF THIS RECIPIENT GROUP WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MEANS TO
BUY TITLE II GRAIN- IT WAS ASSUMED THAT MAJORITY OF THE
RECIPIENTS WOULD REQUIRE FOOD ON A COST-FREE BASIS
BECAUSE OF THEIR AT RISK STATUS;
CONSEQUENTLY; WE CANNOT ACCEDE TO GOG SALES POSITION AS
REPORTED PARA 1, REFTEL A.

2. AID/W IS PRESENTLY DRAFTING TA FOR 5,000 MT SHIPMENT OF
CORN AND SORGHUM REFERRED TO REFTEL A. IN ORDER EXPEDITE
TA PROCESS, AID/W REQUEST FFP MAHER TRAVEL TO CONAKRY AT
EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO PROVIDE GOG WITH ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON OUR TITLE II POSTURE.

3. DESIRED COURSE OF ACTION ON TITLE II DISTRIBUTION;
AS REFLECTED IN PARA 1, ABOVE, IS TO HAVE ENTIRE SHIP-
MENT OF 5,000 MT DISTRIBUTED FREE-OF-CHARGE TO THOSE
ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION MOST DISTRESSED; PARTICULARLY
IN HAUT GUINEA HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT GOG REQUIRES
FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO HELP MEET DISTRIBUTION COSTS OF
GRAIN AND THAT A SEGMENT OF POPULATION EVEN IN DISTRESSED
AREAS MAY BE ABLE TO PAY FOR GRAIN RECEIVED FOR THESE
REASONS WE WILL AGREE TO SALES OF UP-TO-FIFTY PERCENT OF
TITLE II GRAIN WITH PROCEEDS FROM SALE BEING PLACED IN
SPECIAL ACCOUNT PROCEEDS WOULD BE USED IN SUPPORT OF
INLAND TRANSPORT COSTS AND DROUGHT RECOVERY ACTIVITIES
JOINTLY AGREED UPON BY USG AND GOG

4. DURING MAHER NEGOTIATIONS, IF GOG OFFICIALS ARE
ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE HOW NEEDS OF AT RISK GROUP CAN BEST
BE MET BY SALES OF ENTIRE 5,000 MT, WE WILL BE PREPARED
TO CONSIDER SUCH A ROUTE; SHOULD THE GOG INSIST ON
ALLOCATING SALES PROCEEDS TO BUDGET OF FIVE YEAR PLAN;
HOWEVER, WE WILL BE FORCED TO REVIEW OUR PLANS FOR
ADDITIONAL TITLE II SHIPMENTS FOR GUINEA SINCE TITLE II
PROGRAM NOT APPROPRIATELY USED TO FILL BUDGET GAPS IN
IMPLEMENTING FIVE YEAR PLAN;

5. WITH RESPECT TO SALES PRICE FOR TITLE II SHIPMENTS;
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USG-FURNISHED GRAIN CANNOT BE SOLD AT LOCAL DISCOUNT
PRICE SINCE CONSEQUENCES OF PRICE DIFFERENTIATION NOT
FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND COULD HAVE UNACCEPTABLE ECONOMIC
REPERCUSSION AS WELL AS PREJUDICE US DOMESTIC ATTITUDE
TOWARD THIS BASICALLY HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM. CONSEQUENTLY
UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, AID CAN ONLY ENDORSE FREE
DISTRIBUTION AND/OR SALES AT MARKET PRICE;

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6. AID/W PREPARED TO CABLE TEXT OF TA AFTER RECEIPT
AND REVIEW OF MAHER NEGOTIATING REPORT

7. FOR DAKAR: ADVISE MAHER ETA CONAKRY;

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